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(b) what are the names of typewriters which the Government have approved for use in their offices ;

(c) on whose recommendation they have so approved ;

(d) whether it is a fact that in the case of some types of machines the Superintendent of Stationery has tried in vain to get them repaired for want of accessories or parts required for such repairs, and if so, why ; and

(e) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of this House a copy or copies of Government Orders relating to the supply of typewriting machines to Government offices issued by the Government for the information and guidance of officers indenting for the same and the Superintendent of Stationery ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A list^a showing the patterns of typewriters approved for use in Government offices is annexed.

(c) The Superintendent of Stationery.

(d) No, the question does not arise.

(e) The instructions regarding the supply of typewriters to Government offices are contained in Chapter IX of the Stationery Manual, Volume I. A copy of the Manual is available for reference in the Council Library.

Criminal Justice

Enhancement of the sentence passed on Mr. White.

* 284 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the answers to question No. 1676 answered on 11th March 1929, whether any and if so what instructions were issued to the Crown Prosecutor in the matter of application for enhancement of sentence imposed on Mr. White for shooting a coolie in the Madras Port Trust compound ?

A.—The Crown Prosecutor was asked to move the High Court for an enhancement of the sentence passed on Mr. White.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know, Sir, whether the Crown Prosecutor did make a motion in the High Court and if so, what the result of it was ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ Yes, there was a motion in the High Court and the result was that the petition was dismissed.”

Forests

Sale of agricultural implements in Kurnool district.

* 285 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the replies given to question No. 1959 answered on 27th March 1929 regarding sale of agricultural implements in Kurnool district—

(a) whether the report called for has been received, and

(b) if so, what it is ?

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A.—(a) & (b) The report ^a of the Chief Conservator of Forests with its enclosure is appended.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"Sir, in view of the fact that the agricultural implements were supplied to a very little extent in East and South Kurnool divisions, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to order that the contractor should supply at the stipulated rates not merely at the edge of the coupes but elsewhere also?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I shall consider the suggestion, Sir."

Appointment of a committee to enquire into the forest grievances of ryots in this Presidency.

* 286 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what action he has decided to take on the resolution of this Council that a committee should be appointed to inquire into the forest grievances of the ryots in this Presidency?

A.—The Government do not at present propose to take any action.

Improvement of the financial prospects of the Chenat Nair and Mount Stuart forests.

* 287 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for improving the financial prospects of the Chenat Nair and Mount Stuart forests?

A.—The question of the improvement of the financial prospects of Mount Stuart forests is now under consideration. As regards Chenat Nair, the Government have ordered that the Olavakkode Saw Mill should be closed with effect from 1st November 1929.

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know how the Government propose to dispose of the Saw Mill after the 1st November 1929?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"That is under consideration; this is a point on which the Government have not come to a conclusion yet."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"Apart from the Saw Mill, may I know what will become of the other operations of this scheme?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The whole thing is connected with the Saw Mill. There is no other scheme."

Commercial undertakings in the Forest department.

* 288 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased

(i) to furnish a list of the various schemes under the Forest department which are treated as commercial undertakings; and